

House File 78 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing local authorities to permit parking on the
2 left side of a roadway during periods of winter weather.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.361, Code 2013, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Local authorities may by ordinance
4 permit vehicles stopped or parked upon a roadway where there
5 are adjacent curbs to be stopped or parked with the left-hand
6 wheels of the vehicle adjacent to and within eighteen inches of
7 the left-hand curb during periods of snow, sleet, or freezing
8 rain or when snow or ice has accumulated on the roadway, if
9 stopping or parking in such a manner is deemed by the local
10 authorities to be safer under such conditions than stopping or
11 parking as provided in subsection 1. However, an ordinance
12 adopted under this subsection shall not apply to a road which
13 is a primary road extension.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill relates to parking on the left side of a two-way
16 roadway. Current law prohibits parking with the vehicle's
17 left-hand wheels adjacent to the left-hand curb unless the
18 roadway is a one-way roadway. The bill permits a political
19 subdivision of the state to adopt an ordinance allowing a
20 vehicle to be parked on a roadway with the left-hand wheels
21 adjacent to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb if
22 the political subdivision deems it safer than parking on the
23 right-hand side of the street during periods of snow, sleet,
24 or freezing rain or when snow or ice has accumulated on the
25 roadway. The provision does not apply to a road which is a
26 primary road extension.